

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows. This listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

an inner space enclosed by a heat-insulating housing;

at least one compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled and being disposed within the inner space and having a curved edge; and

a strip disposed ~~placed~~ on a top of the curved edge and including a plastic core and a metal jacket holding the plastic core in a curved configuration.

11. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 10, wherein the strip has a groove conforming to a bead into which the edge of the compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled is inserted.

12. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the depth direction of the groove is aligned transversely to the radius of curvature of the decorative strip.

13. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the width of the groove increases, at least at certain points, from an inlet region of the groove to its bottom.

14. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the jacket has a material thickness between about 0.1 to 0.3 mm.

15. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 14, wherein the jacket has a material thickness of about 0.2 mm.

16. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the plastic core and the metal jacket are co-extruded.

17. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled includes a door compartment.

18. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a curved decorative strip for a refrigerator having an inner space enclosed by a heat-insulating housing and at least one compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled and being disposed within the inner space and having a curved edge, and the strip being placed on the curved edge and including a plastic core and a metal jacket holding the plastic core in a curved configuration, the method comprising the acts of:

providing a straight decorative strip with a plastic core and a metal jacket surrounding the plastic core;

bending the straight decorative strip to a desired radius of curvature to form the curved decorative strip;

cutting the decorative strip to a desired length.

19. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 17, wherein the act of providing the straight decorative strip includes manufacturing the strip by co-extrusion of the plastic core and the jacket.

20. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

an inner space enclosed by a heat-insulating housing;

at least one compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled and being disposed within the inner space and having a curved edge; and

a strip ~~disposed~~ placed on a top of the curved edge and including a plastic core and a metal jacket holding the plastic core in the curved edge, wherein the strip has a groove into which the edge of the compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled is inserted.